

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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As delivery of medical care is consolidating, it is important that patients have the opportunity to be treated by their physicians regardless of what hospital they are in. In order to provide care in a hospital, a physician needs to be credentialed by that hospital to ensure that he or she is properly licensed and has the appropriate skills to provide care in the hospital. This bill clarifies that hospitals can establish their own criteria for medical staff membership but cannot deny medical staff membership to someone merely because that doctor also practices elsewhere, has an ownership interest in another facility such as an ambulatory surgical center or specialty hospital, or because that doctor is a competitor of other doctors on the hospital medical staff.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact.

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